

In the **ABSTRACT**, please enter the following amendments:

~~The present invention is a~~ A system and method for facilitating the process of caring for an individual, such as an elder, ~~.-The present invention also disseminates a wide range of information to users,.-The system allows~~ allowing members of an elder's support group to easily and conveniently communicate and coordinate their actions.~~The present invention is accomplished by the creation of an "e-space" for the elder. The e-space is a set of data files that are associated with the elder. The e-space is stored in a central location that can be accessed conveniently by individuals by accessing a computer network such as the Internet. The system also allows the elder (or an agent of the elder called a "responsible party") to maintain his or her the elder's privacy by controlling access to his or her e-space. This is accomplished by providing the elder or responsible party the ability to specify varying levels of access privileges for each type of data file in his/her e-space for each member of his/her support group and by :-~~ The system also allows allowing the elder to delegate privileging power ~~to an administrator or official at the care provider facility where he or she is residing. The administrator/official can then grant access privileges to members of the care provider staff. The system also provides a variety of information and tools which assist individuals in making decisions related to elder care.~~